Re-building BPL houses in Muzaffarpur, Bihar

†2497. SHRIMTI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families living Below Poverty Line living in the huts made of straw in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar;

(b) how many houses of those families were gutted in summer seasons;

(c) whether a proposed project from the Muzaffarpur district has been received by Government of India to rebuild the burnt houses;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken by Central Government thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) This Ministry does not maintain the data regarding the numberr of Below the Poverty Line (BPL) families living in the huts made of straw for any part of the country.

(b) and (c) No project proposal for rebuilding the burnt houses of the BPL families has been received by the Ministry from the State Government.

(d) and (e) In view of (b) and (c) above, the questions do not arise.

Supply of drinking water in rural areas

2498. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved an additional Rs. 700 Crore for three schemes for improving supply of drinking water in rural India;

(b) if so, what are the three schemes for which this amount has been sanctioned;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whetherr the amount sanctioned is sufficient for completing those projects;

(d) whether according to the study conducted by Government, the main areas of concern in the rural water supply sector was coverage of habitations including schools in the rural areas and ensuring sustainability of systems and sourrces; and

(e) if so, what are the steps suggested by them in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, Rs. 700 Crore have been approved for three programmes viz. (i) Installation of 1-lakh-hand pumps, (ii) revival of 1-lakh traditional sources of water and (iii) providing drinking water facility in 1-lakh rural primary schools. The total cost for implementation of these programme is Rs. 800 Crores. Rs. 80 Crores (10%) will be the community participation and Rs. 20 crores will be utilised from the existing provisions.

(d) and (e) Coverage of habitations and ensuring sustainability of systems and sources are the main areas of concern in the Rural Water Supply Sector. Experience has shown that supply driven non-participatory approach has led to the failure of some water supply systems and sources. It was felt that participatory demand driven approach will ensure sustainbility. With this aim reforms were initiated in 1999 in 67 sector Reform Pilot Project. The reform initiatives have now been scaled up to cover the entire country by launching the swajaldhara programme on 25th December, 2002.

Review of T.S.C

2499. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent review Mission to various Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) project in the country to assess the extent of implementation; and

(b) If so, the outcome of the same alongwith achievements made by TSC projects in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.